

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently amended) A vehicular neutralization apparatus comprising:  
an ion generator disposed ~~on at least one of~~ in at least a vicinity of a room lamp mounted  
~~to a central area of a roof of a vehicle and an area in a vicinity of the roof inside the vehicle to~~  
allow ions, generated [[with]] by the ion generator, to be oriented toward an occupant, thereby  
neutralizing static electricity charged to the occupant.
2. (Currently amended) The vehicular neutralization apparatus according to claim 1,  
further comprising a controller ~~controlling~~ configured to control the ion generator so as to cause  
the ions generated [[with]] by the ion generator to be supplied toward the occupant [[for]] to  
thereby ~~neutralizing~~ naturalize static electricity charged to the occupant.
3. (Original) The vehicular neutralization apparatus according to claim 2, further  
comprising a sensor detecting the occupant getting on and off the vehicle,  
wherein the controller controls the ion generator in response to the sensor detecting the  
occupant getting on and off the vehicle.
4. (Original) The vehicular neutralization apparatus according to claim 3, wherein  
the sensor includes at least one of a door lock sensor detecting a door lock button of the vehicle  
being actuated, an external door knob sensor detecting an external door knob of the vehicle being  
actuated, an internal door knob sensor detecting an internal door knob of the vehicle being  
actuated, an ignition sensor detecting an ignition of the vehicle being actuated, a speed sensor  
detecting a vehicle speed, a pressure sensitive sensor detecting whether the occupant rests on a  
seat, and a parking brake sensor detecting a parking brake of the vehicle being actuated.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The vehicular neutralization apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the ion generator is disposed in a position inside the vehicle in accordance with a motional posture of the occupant, occurring during getting on and off the vehicle.

7. (Original) The vehicular neutralization apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the ion generator is provided with a positive electrode and a negative electrode supplying positive ions and negative ions.

8. (Original) The vehicular neutralization apparatus according to claim 7, wherein a distal end portion of the positive electrode and a distal end portion of the negative electrode of the ion generator are oriented toward the occupant getting on and off the vehicle.

9. (Currently amended) The vehicular neutralization apparatus according to ~~claim 1~~  
claim 6, wherein a distance between the positive electrode and the negative electrode of the ion generator lies in a value equal to or greater than 50 mm and equal to or less than 100 mm.

10. (Original) The vehicular neutralization apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the ion generator is operative for a given time interval to emit the ions toward the occupant getting on and off the vehicle.

11. (Currently amended) A vehicular neutralization apparatus comprising:  
ion generating means, disposed ~~on at least one of~~ in at least a vicinity of a room lamp  
mounted to a central area of a roof of a vehicle and an area in a vicinity of the roof inside the  
vehicle, for generating ions; and  
controlling means for controlling the ion generating means to supply the ions, generated  
by the ion generating means, toward an occupant, thereby neutralizing static electricity charged  
to the occupant.